

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
Board of Zoning Adjustment



Application No. 19126 of Timothy Turnham, as amended,¹ pursuant to 11 DCMR §§ 3103.2 variances from the lot occupancy requirements under § 403.2, the rear yard requirements under § 404, the court width requirements under § 406, and the nonconforming structure requirements under § 2001.3, to allow the construction of a one-story rear garage and deck addition to an existing one-family dwelling in the R-4 District at premises 1252 Columbia Road N.W. (Square 2853, Lot 70).

HEARING DATE: December 1, 2015
DECISION DATE: December 1, 2015

SUMMARY ORDER

SELF-CERTIFIED

The zoning relief requested in this case was self-certified, pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3113.2. (Exhibit 5 (original), Exhibits 48 & 50 (revised).)

The Board of Zoning Adjustment (“Board”) provided proper and timely notice of the public hearing on this application by publication in the D.C. Register, and by mail to Advisory Neighborhood Commission (“ANC”) 1A and to owners of property within 200 feet of the site. The site of this application is located within the jurisdiction of ANC 1A, which is automatically a party to this application. The ANC submitted a report dated November 16, 2015 stating that at a properly noticed meeting on November 12, 2015, with a quorum present, it voted 8-0-0 in support of the application. (Exhibit 30.)

The Office of Planning (“OP”) submitted a timely report recommending denial of the amended relief. (Exhibit 47.) OP testified that the property does not meet the uniqueness aspect of the variance test.

The District Department of Transportation filed a report expressing no objection to the

¹ The original application sought a special exception under § 223, not meeting the rear yard requirements under § 404, the court width requirements under § 406, and the nonconforming structure requirements under § 2001.3, and a special exception from the alley setback requirements under § 2300.2(b). Prior to the hearing, the Applicant amended the application to request the variance relief only, as captioned above. (See revised self-certification at Exhibits 48 and 50.)

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application. (Exhibit 29.) Seven letters were filed by neighbors in support of the application. (Exhibits 36 – 42.)

As directed by 11 DCMR § 3119.2, the Board has required the Applicant to satisfy the burden of proving the elements that are necessary to establish the case, pursuant to § 3103.2, for variances from §§ 403.2, 404, 406, and 2001.3. The only parties to the case were the Applicant and the ANC, which supported the application. No parties appeared at the public hearing in opposition to this application. Accordingly, a decision by the Board to grant this application would not be adverse to any party.

Based upon the record before the Board and having given great weight to the ANC and OP reports filed in this case, the Board concludes that in seeking variances from §§ 403.2, 404, 406, and 2001.3, the Applicant has met the burden of proving under 11 DCMR § 3103.2, that with the tapering of the lot and the confluence of factors affecting the property, there exists an exceptional or extraordinary situation or condition related to the property that creates a practical difficulty for the owner in complying with the Zoning Regulations. Further, the Applicant has met the burden of proving that the relief can be granted without substantial detriment to the public good and without substantially impairing the intent, purpose, and integrity of the zone plan as embodied in the Zoning Regulations and Map.

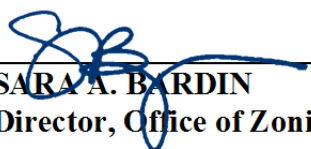
Pursuant to 11 DCMR § 3100.5, the Board has determined to waive the requirement of 11 DCMR § 3125.5, that the order of the Board be accompanied by findings of fact and conclusions of law. The waiver will not prejudice the rights of any party, and is appropriate in this case. It is therefore **ORDERED** that this application is hereby **GRANTED, SUBJECT TO THE APPROVED PLANS AT EXHIBITS 49, 32, AND 7 – REAR ELEVATION, SITE PLANS, AND FLOOR PLANS.**

VOTE: 3-0-2 (Frederick L. Hill, Robert E. Miller, and Marnique Y. Heath to Approve; Jeffrey L. Hinkle not present, not voting; one Board seat vacant.)

BY ORDER OF THE D.C. BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT

A majority of the Board members approved the issuance of this summary order.

ATTESTED BY: _____


SARA A. BARDIN

Director, Office of Zoning

FINAL DATE OF ORDER: December 9, 2015

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PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125.9, NO ORDER OF THE BOARD SHALL TAKE EFFECT UNTIL TEN (10) DAYS AFTER IT BECOMES FINAL PURSUANT TO § 3125.6.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3130, THIS ORDER SHALL NOT BE VALID FOR MORE THAN TWO YEARS AFTER IT BECOMES EFFECTIVE UNLESS, WITHIN SUCH TWO-YEAR PERIOD, THE APPLICANT FILES PLANS FOR THE PROPOSED STRUCTURE WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AND REGULATORY AFFAIRS FOR THE PURPOSE OF SECURING A BUILDING PERMIT, OR THE APPLICANT FILES A REQUEST FOR A TIME EXTENSION PURSUANT TO § 3130.6 AT LEAST 30 DAYS PRIOR TO THE EXPIRATION OF THE TWO-YEAR PERIOD AND THAT SUCH REQUEST IS GRANTED. NO OTHER ACTION, INCLUDING THE FILING OR GRANTING OF AN APPLICATION FOR A MODIFICATION PURSUANT TO §§ 3129.2 OR 3129.7, SHALL EXTEND THE TIME PERIOD.

PURSUANT TO 11 DCMR § 3125, APPROVAL OF AN APPLICATION SHALL INCLUDE APPROVAL OF THE PLANS SUBMITTED WITH THE APPLICATION FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BUILDING OR STRUCTURE (OR ADDITION THERETO) OR THE RENOVATION OR ALTERATION OF AN EXISTING BUILDING OR STRUCTURE. AN APPLICANT SHALL CARRY OUT THE CONSTRUCTION, RENOVATION, OR ALTERATION ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PLANS APPROVED BY THE BOARD AS THE SAME MAY BE AMENDED AND/OR MODIFIED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT.

IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE D.C. HUMAN RIGHTS ACT OF 1977, AS AMENDED, D.C. OFFICIAL CODE § 2-1401.01 *ET SEQ.* (ACT), THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA DOES NOT DISCRIMINATE ON THE BASIS OF ACTUAL OR PERCEIVED: RACE, COLOR, RELIGION, NATIONAL ORIGIN, SEX, AGE, MARITAL STATUS, PERSONAL APPEARANCE, SEXUAL ORIENTATION, GENDER IDENTITY OR EXPRESSION, FAMILIAL STATUS, FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES, MATRICULATION, POLITICAL AFFILIATION, GENETIC INFORMATION, DISABILITY, SOURCE OF INCOME, OR PLACE OF RESIDENCE OR BUSINESS. SEXUAL HARASSMENT IS A FORM OF SEX DISCRIMINATION WHICH IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. IN ADDITION, HARASSMENT BASED ON ANY OF THE ABOVE PROTECTED CATEGORIES IS PROHIBITED BY THE ACT. DISCRIMINATION IN VIOLATION OF THE ACT WILL NOT BE TOLERATED. VIOLATORS WILL BE SUBJECT TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION.